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Dear Hal,

The pressure is not great and I'll have to be brief, for I'm working on getting the book out. There will be not less than ~~12xxx~~ 1250 copies there before I arrive. Paul Elder is having me for autographing the 15th, in whatever time I have free, and has ordered 250 copies I'm sending by air, the first off the bindery.

I'm glad your letter arrived today. I'm booking transportation now. If you can, let me know if it is better for me to try and fly out after the Jerry Williams show in Chicago that I think ends midnight there time and grab a few hours sleep after I get there or catch an early morning plane that will get me there in time for a 10 a.m., or the closest possible, press conference. I have blowups of some of the pictures in the new book, good enough so that when BBC saw them they immediately planned a program, without seeing the book itself. These should look good on TV and tell a shocking story. Tomorrow I'll speak to the travel agent and have him book me to get me in SF early in the am. If you think a night flight better, please let me know and I'll change. As soon as I know the flight time, I'll tell you. If you are silent, I'll figure you expect me to arrive as early as I can a.m. the 14th.

The 6-8 a.m. radio show is an excellent idea, but I'm so far past simple exhaustion now, someone is going to have to wake me up in time. My warmup includes such things as an 8 hour TV taping ending about 4 a.m. one day and four hours on radio 100 miles away beginning 10 p.m. that sameday!

Please check with Bill O'Connell on KPFA. He told me he plans to tape a series for Pacifica, with which he has a connection. I'd rather do this in LA for several reason: I'll have more time there and because Joe Dolan has been so nice I want to do a good job for Paul Elder. I leave this entirely up to you, but in LA I can stay over for an extra day to do the taping and probably can do it with Bill Sunday, when little else will be cooking.

You were right with Morgan. It is the very least Joe, who has been so wonderful, is entitled to. Morgan can do an entirely different show if he reads the book first. There is that much material, new. Please tell Dolan to ignore the copy of the note I sent the printer to send me 100 copies c/o him, for I've had an order directly from Elder.

There is another reason for trying to do as good a job as possible for Elder: it encourages book sellers to sell and push what most regard as controversial material. Word spreads fast in business channels.

On Pusey and KPIX, I can hold back the blowups and I can hold back material, as you suggest. We can discuss this. He is right, he should have something fresh.

I wont have time to make slides. I want to when I can. SO, I'll need no equipment.

My vanity has never run to pictures, so I have very few, none usable. So, we'll interpret the souvenirs of a memorable meeting (hardly an interview) with a remarkably perceptive man, the correspondent of L'Europeo, as pictures I can use and I'll sending them to you separately. If they can be returned after use, I'd like to have them as souvenirs. Meanwhile, a country weekly took some pictures a week ago. I've phoned them. They print the pictures and mail them by the weekend, so you'll have both. I've got good ones with geese, but that doesn't seem quite right!

I have no idea what is being done about publicity elsewhere. If I find out, I'll let you know. You'll be hearing from Bill, and if they are doing anything, he can tell you. In Chicago I've been doing it by radio, by phone. What is being done

I also do not know. I've been so preoccupied I haven't even give it a thought, for there is nothing more I can do. I hope I can do what I've got planned. I had to turn down a request to fly to Bakersfield either tomorrow or the 7th, at their expense, for TV tapins (KERO) I expect they'll use me the 21st, but I do not know. I ate breakfast 5:45 yesterday a.m. and nothing until I got home 9:45 p.m. - and with an ulcer yet!

Hold the money. I'be held back enough that I had for the printer to pay for the tickets and hotels in Chicago. I'll need the cash out there, for I'll have very little.

I heard the Pearson broadcast. It was sterile and means nothing to anyone who has read any of the books. The New York Times editorial Friday was more important, as was LIFE. I'm loaded for Merriman Smith if you'll want me to unload out there...If you can speak to Stanley of the Examiner I'd like to meet him and give him a copy of the new book. I've also mentioned giving him a copy to Elder.

You are right. There is no factual error in my book. I'll tell you the tests I've subjected it to when I'm out there, including Hoover and the doctors. Not one has even been alleged, if you'll consider Smith's not even allegations (he was wrong on both the weather and the motorcade and apologized for not knowing where he was when the President was killed in the Washington Post). I'll try and get a copy for you. I've pasted this up in a folder I've prepared on him and it is an only copy. He merely said he was wrong, that he wasn't where his memory told him he was. Actually, UPI sent a correction in time, but in Dallas, one of the two papers didn't use it. Do you think this is worth straining at? That is, in the advance publicity? Better would be his refusal to debate me before his peers, at the National Press club, on his story, my book, the work of the Commission, or any combination of his chosing... I've got his head wound and more, although I've not gotten the entire story. I just cannot write for anything, for I'll up half the nights now without doing what I must....The fastest way to get a copy of the new book will be through Joe Dolan. I'll send some extras to Elder or replace those Dolan gets. I've already told Elder I'll replace or credit for press copies. He may have his before the end of next week. He'll probably tell Dolan when he has them. If you have to buy them, I'll repay you.

This will have to go unread. I hope the typos are not bad.

I'll keep you posted.

Thanks,